

U. S. PERFINS CENSUS REPORT as of January 1, 1976

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PERFINNERS: I want to thank all of you who made this CENSUS possible, as requested in the September 1975 Perfins Bulletin. A comparison report of Censuses over the years is the best way to show the activity of Perfins Club members.

In counting, reference is the 1966 U.S. Illustrated Perfins Catalog, and Addition Illustrations 1 through 32. Eliminated in the count were blank spaces like A 28. Your total may be less than you sent me, as Schermacks are not part of the U.S. Catalog listing. However, they are separately listed in the report below. All Foreign Branch Perfins, etc., were omitted in the count within the Catalog.

1967			1975			INCREASE IN NUMBER REPORTED
PERFIN GROUP	NUMBER OF TYPES LISTED IN CATALOG	HIGHEST NUMBER REPORTED IN ANY COLLECTION	PERFIN GROUP	NUMBER OF TYPES LISTED IN CATALOG	HIGHEST NUMBER REPORTED IN ANY COLLECTION	
A	418	333	A	436	400	67
B	394	305	B	398	372	67
C	659	510	C	647	600	90
D	175	139	D	185	188*	49
E	151	151	E	154	158*	7
F	245	200	F	246	240	40
G	289	230	G	302	279	49
H	247	191	H	248	233	42
I	150	150	I	147	131	-19
J	210	170	J	221	213	43
K	77	65	K	82	83*	18
L	231	162	L	243	226	64
M	315	257	M	330	320	63
N	424	370	N	434	409	39
O	101	84	O	106	94	10
P	299	245	P	308	294	49
Q	11	11	Q	11	11	-0-
R	175	144	R	178	162	18
S	512	444	S	532	507	63
T	139	123	T	145	140	17
U	133	118	U	138	137	19
V	36	30	V	36	33	3
W	378	301	W	391	373	72
X	1	1	X	1	1	-0-
Y	12	11	Y	14	14	3
Z	5	5	Z	6	6	1
Number Design	28	28	Number Design	29	29	1
	45	40		52	52	12
Total	5860	4818	Total	6019	5705	887
SCHERMACKS	61	58	SCHERMACKS	86	63	5

*Exceeds number listed.

Among the 82 members participating in the above Census (as compared to 71 in 1969) five members listed over 5,000 types in their collections, seven others listed over 4,000, and 10 others listed over 3,000. These totals do not include Schermacks. The top collection included 5,686 of the 6,019 listed types, or 94.5% completion. The top collection of Schermacks listed 63 of the 86 types, or 73.3% completion.

In the 1969 Perfin Census, the count was 5,860. We have added 159 more to make the total as now recorded to be 6,019. Members who have reported more than the totals submitted, please submit the additions to our Perfins Catalog Chairman, K. F. Lougee, 825 Superba Ave., Venice, CA 90291. These can be photographed by our Perfins Photographer John Burns for distribution to the membership through the addition and correction sheets.

Although Schermacks are not listed in the Illustrated Catalog, 42 members of the 82 participating in this survey reported that they collect them. I think they should be placed in the catalog, instead of in a separate section by themselves.

Again, thanks for your count in making this Census possible. Wonder what the next Census will bring, as there must be many more to be recorded. A good source for the Perfins you are seeking is the Sales Department, the Club Auctions, and the Perfins Club Exchange. Vice President, Mrs. Dorothy L. Savage, 10550 Western Ave., Sp. 94, Stanton, CA 90680.